GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4280
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2000
CONTRIBUTION OF DRAUGHT ANIMAL POWER
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee constituted under the Chairmanship of KPA Menon to advise on better utilization of DAP has suggested that Draught Animal Power (DAP) saves nearly 24 million tonnes of Diesel;

(b) if so, whether the recommendations made by the Committee have been accepted;

(c) whether it has included all animals like Elephants, Camels, Horses, Mules, Donkeys, Cattle, Goats, Yaks and Dogs for snow bound area; and

(d) the financial allocation made for the programme during the 9th plan period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)
(a): Yes, Sir. The Committee estimated the magnitude of draught animal power in terms of 30,000 MW equivalent.

(b): Some of the recommendations made by the Committee were accepted and implemented in the years 1994-95 and 1995-96.

(c): No, Sir. The Committee estimated the magnitude of draught animal power based on the population of bullocks, buffaloes, cows at work, horses and camels only.

(d): An outlay of Rs.2.14 crore has been provided for Animal Energy Programme for the Ninth Plan period.